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BACKWARD CLASSES, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

TAMIL NADU WAQF BOARD ELECTION FOR MUTAWALLIS CATEGORY

No. II(2)/BCMBCMW/534(e)/2020.

The Elections for election of members to the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board from the electoral colleges consisting of Muslim Members of Parliament, State Legislature, Muslim Ex-Members of Bar Council and Mutawallis was notified in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary dated 15.07.2020. As per the Notification, election was scheduled to be held on 19.08.2020.

Whereas W.P. No.726/2020, W.P. No.8377/2020 and W.P. No.9557/2020 were filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras challenging the supersession of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and the election notification for reconstituting the Tamil Nadu Wagf Board. In the above Writ Petitions, Hon'ble High Court of Madras in its order dated 17.8.2020 set aside the order of the supersession of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and the consequential orders insofar as the election of two persons namely, Thiru. Syed Ali Akbar and Dr. Haja K. Majeed, alone are concerned.

In view of the above orders of the High Court of Madras, the election scheduled to be held on 19.08.2020 for electing two members in the category of Mutawallis was deferred.

Whereas in the Special Leave Petition filed by the State of Tamil Nadu (Diary No.17419/2020) against the orders of the High Court of Madras in W.P. Nos.726/2020, 8377/2020 and 9557/2020 on 28.08.2020, the Supreme Court of India has passed the following orders:-

"Permission to file Special Leave Petition without Certified / Plain copy of the impugned order is granted. Issue Notice. Learned Counsel appearing for the caveators accept notice. Two weeks time, as prayed for is granted to file Counter Affidavit. There shall be a stay of the operation of the impugned judgment dated 17.08.2020 passed by the High Court of Madras.'

In view of above, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule 8 of the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board (Conduct of Election for Members) Rules 1997 and in partial modification of the earlier Notification No.284 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette in Part II - Section 2, dated 15.07.2020, the Election Authority hereby notifies the election for Mutawallis category, subject to the outcome of the Special Leave Petition filed by the Government of Tamil Nadu (Diary No.17419 / 2020) in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and subject to further orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

- (a) the election will be held on 9th September 2020 (Wednesday) between 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. at the Office of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, No.1, Jaffar Syrang Street, Vallal Seethakathi Nagar, Chennai 600 001 for electing two members in the category of Mutawallis.
 - (b) The votes already polled through postal ballot and received will be taken into account for the purpose of election.
- (c) Those who have opted for postal ballot but not yet cast their votes will be able to cast their votes on 9th September 2020 at the polling booth established for the purpose at the Office of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, No.1, Jaffar Syrang Street, Vallal Seethakathi Nagar, Chennai 600 001. However such a member will be required to give an undertaking in the prescribed format that he has not cast his postal ballot / or not received it. This will be verified with the list maintained at the polling booth. Only those who have not cast their vote through postal ballot will be allowed to vote.
 - (d) Those who have not opted for postal ballot can cast their votes at the polling booth.
 - (e) Counting will be taken up on 10th September 2020 (Thursday).

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